IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:19-CV-135-GCM-DCK

ROBERT GUINN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
V.)	ORDER
)	
ANDREW SAUL,)	
Commissioner of Social Security,)	
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Defendant.)	
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THIS MATTER IS BEFORE THE COURT on Plaintiff's "Consent Motion For Entry Of Order Accepting Application For Attorney Fees Under EAJA" (Document No. 13) filed December 31, 2019. This motion has been referred to the undersigned Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b), and immediate review is appropriate. Having carefully considered the motion and the record, and noting consent of Defendant's counsel, the undersigned will grant the motion.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Plaintiff's "Consent Motion For Entry Of Order Accepting Application For Attorney Fees Under EAJA" (Document No. 13) is **GRANTED**, to the extent that the Court will award attorney fees in the amount of \$3,666.00, and that pursuant to Astrue v. Ratliff, --- U.S.---, 130 S. Ct. 2521 (2010), the fee award will first be subject to offset of any debt Plaintiff may owe to the United States. The Commissioner will determine whether Plaintiff owes a debt to the United States. If so, the debt will be satisfied first, and if any funds remain, they will be made payable to Plaintiff and mailed to Plaintiff's counsel. If the United States Department of the Treasury reports to the Commissioner that the Plaintiff does not owe a federal debt, the government will exercise its discretion and honor an

assignment of EAJA fees, and will pay the awarded fees directly to Plaintiff's counsel. No additional petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d) shall be filed.

SO ORDERED,

Signed: January 3, 2020

David C. Keesler

United States Magistrate Judge